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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY OF DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES

REF: JIDDA 5606

1. SAUDI NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE ACCORDED DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION PRIVILEGES DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. THIS PERIOD CAN BE EXTENDED THROUGH RECIPROCITY PROCEDURES. NORMALLY EMBASSIES HERE DO NOT REQUEST THE EXTENSION BECAUSE EITHER THE SIX MONTH PERIOD IS ADEQUATE FOR THEIR NON-DIP PERSONNEL OR THEIR NATIONAL IMPORTATION LAWS DO NOT PROVIDE FOR RECIPROCAL EXTENSION TO NON-DIP PERSONNEL.

2. SAUDI NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE EXEMPTED FROM PAYING SALES TAX ON AUTOMOBILES AND ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH TITLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATES IN D.C., VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND. THESE ARE SIGNIFICANT FEES. IN D.C. IT IS 5 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE AUTOMOBILE; IN VIRGINIA, 2 PERCENT (AND AN ANNUAL TANGIBLE OR PERSONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPERTY TAX); IN MARYLAND, 4 PERCENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF SAUDI ARABIA HAS SALES TAX THAT IS ADDED ON AT THE TIME OF SALE AND IS STATED SEPARATELY ON THE INVOICE. IF SO, HOW MUCH IS IT; TO WHAT MERCHANDISE IS IT APPLIED, AND ARE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL SUBJECTED

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